



Virginia Aviation Board Workshop Meeting APRIL 22, 2003

MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA AVIATION BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING – APRIL 22, 2003, 3:00 P.M.
THE IVOR MASSEY BUILDING, RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23231

MEMBERS PRESENT

George P. Ramsey, III, Chairman
John G. Dankos, Jr.
Robert H. Neitz
Emmitt F. Yeary
John V. Mazza, Jr.
William J. Kehoe
Roger L. Oberndorf

OTHERS PRESENT

Airport Managers and Sponsors, Department of Aviation staff, FAA staff, Consultants, Virginia Resources Authority staff

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order.

Mr. Charles Macfarlane, Director DOAV, gave a budget update. The Governor's effort to restore approximately \$1 million was unsuccessful. He discussed the impact this decision will make on the 2003 and 2004 budgets. FY 2003 and 2004 Budget Reductions Line Items are attached.

Mr. Ramsey, VAB, discussed the Bond Defiance loan that was outstanding which was closed in March. This reduced the interest payment approximately \$280,000.00. We're saving one semi-annual payment of \$135,000.00, which will be allocated at Wednesday's meeting.

Mr. Macfarlane briefed the Board on the current status the Aircraft Sales and Use Tax. The Department is still in the process of addressing this issue and in hopes a resolution will be reached sometime next week.

Mr. Macfarlane presented a report compiled by the Department showing a comparison of FAA registered aircraft in various states and what percentage of tax was charged. This was in reference to questions asked at the Board meeting in February.

Mr. Jim Bland, DOAV, gave a brief update on the General Aviation Airport Security Certification Program. A resolution was passed at February's meeting has been forwarded to John Hagar, Assist to the Governor for Emergency Preparedness, to make him aware of the progress this board has made in creating this program. The additional funds allocated for this program were lost due to budget cuts. The FAA has offered Continuous Airport System Planning funds (CAS funds) in the amount of approximately \$200,000.00 to assist in moving

forward with the security plan. Looking at the Department's budget (Airport Services) a \$22,000.00 match is required. The funds are available for the match and the Department is moving forward.

Mr. Jim Bland discussed local zoning at Virginia airports. A letter was sent (approximately 10) to communities who have not in acted airport zoning. This letter is to encourage airport sponsors to get their jurisdiction to respond to the mandate.

Mr. Jim Bland discussed the number of aircraft accidents (three) that had occurred at the Leesburg Airport in the last nine months. Concerns are running high for everyone and the Department has offered to help in making this airport safer.

Mr. Keith McCrea, DOAV, discussed the Chapter 11 filing of US Airways and United Airlines. US Airway came out of Chapter 11 on March 31, 2003 and United is following the same procedure but is having a harder time.

Mr. Keith McCrea updated the Virginia SATSLab. He announced that Mr. John Paris, Technical Program Director, has been asked to speak at our June meeting and the Research & Technology plans are almost completed. Danville is up and running. Several Virginia companies will be receiving research funds from this program.

Mr. Jim Bland discussed the non-compliance issues at Lake Anna Airport. The airport has NOTAM closed. Several letters were sent to the airport owner to give him an opportunity to bring this airport into compliance or go private.

He also discussed status of the Grundy Airport replacement. A site has been decided the board has funded a feasibility study, which is 98% complete. A letter was sent from Terry Page, FAA, (in your packet) discussing the course of action needed to be accomplished by Grundy to be eligible for \$150,000.00 in non-primary entitlement funds for airport planning and development from the FAA. ACIP for state matching funds cut off date is June 6, 2003.

Mr. Charles Macfarlane briefed the board on a minor incident (seal problem) that occurred with NIVA. The aircraft has been repaired and back in the air. The Department has recommended a Capital Replacement Program, which consists taking an unspecified amount of funds putting them away each year, and when or if an aircraft needs to be replaced the funds are available.

Mr. Mike Swain discussed the temporary terminal lease at Hummel Field. A letter was writing informing Hummel Field that this would be the last year the State would fund this terminal.

At the meeting in February a criteria was set for maintenance equipment storage buildings. A draft resolution was represented to the Board for comment and for final approval at Wednesday's meeting. (Copy in your packet)

A requested from Newport New/Williamsburg Airport regarding interim strength apron portion of their South the board addressed Corporate Apron and Taxiway project. The airport is now trying marketing this apron and adding a 2-inch overlay to increase the strength of the pavement. This is out the scope of work previously approved by the board so another approval is needed. The board will vote on Wednesday.

Mr. Macfarlane has requested that the Governor to send congratulatory letters to air carrier's who have new service at Virginia airports and he has graciously accepted. Also with each grant allocation approval by the

Board a notification letter is being sent from the Department to each airport Senator and Delegate advising them of the financial assistance the state is providing to help improve their airports.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTACHMENTS